

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15, as follows:*

Each wall segment 20, 22, 24 is provided with a cavity wear plate 44, 46, 48, each ~~consisting of~~ preferably having three cavity wear plate portions. The cavity wear plates 44, 46, 48 ~~protects~~ protect the rotor 1 and in particular the wear tips 32, 34, 36 from material rebounding from the housing wall and from ejected material and airborne fine dust spinning around the rotor 1.

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 26, as follows:*

The number of edges and thus the polygonal shape of the distributor plate may be varied to fit the rotor in question. For a rotor with ~~tree~~ three outflow openings a distributor with triangular or hexagonal shape is preferably used. A nonagonal shape is also possible. For ~~at a~~ a rotor with four outflow openings a distributor having square or octagonal shape is preferably used. A dodecagonal shape is also possible. A distributor plate having a number of side edges being two times the number of outflow openings is preferable since the distributor may be turned once for prolonged life. Triangular, square, hexagonal, octagonal, nonagonal and dodecagonal shapes all have the advantage of having only outwardly directed corners. This avoids the swirling of dust loaded air and the subsequent wear that may result from any inwardly directed corners. Further the hexagonal, octagonal and nonagonal shapes have corners with obtuse angles. Obtuse angles have the advantage of providing a distributor plate which is less sensitive to impacting rocks, which may more easily break a corner being right-angled or having an acute angle.

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